

Preemptive policy: This is a P&T approved policy and can be used after the drug is FDA approved until it is superseded by an updated policy



Clinical Policy: Potassium Citrate/Potassium Bicarbonate (ADV7013)

Reference Number: CP.PMN.310

Effective Date: **FDA Approval Date**

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM/ICHRA, Medicaid

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Description

Potassium citrate/potassium bicarbonate (ADV7013^{®/TM}) is a combination alkalinizing agent.

FDA Approved Indication(s) **[Pending]**

ADV7013 is indicated for the treatment of distal renal tubular acidosis (dRTA).

Limitation(s) of use: [XXX]

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that ADV7013 is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria*

**Criteria will mirror the clinical information from the prescribing information once FDA-approved*

A. Distal Renal Tubular Acidosis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of dRTA;*
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist;*
3. Age $\geq$ 6 months;*
4. Failure to normalize serum bicarbonate concentrations to $\geq$ 22 mEq/L with both of the following (a and b, see *Appendix B*), unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or both are contraindicated*:*
 - a. A citrate-based alkali therapy (e.g., potassium citrate or sodium citrate);
 - b. A bicarbonate-based alkali therapy (e.g., potassium bicarbonate or sodium bicarbonate);
5. Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) $\geq$ 45 mL/min/1.73 m²;*
6. Documentation of member's current body weight (in kg);
7. Dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b): *
 - a. 10 mEq/kg/day;
 - b. 336 mEq/day.

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy*

**Criteria will mirror the clinical information from the prescribing information once FDA-approved*

A. Distal Renal Tubular Acidosis (must meet all):

1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
 - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B);
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by an increase in serum bicarbonate concentration levels;*
3. Documentation of member's current body weight (in kg);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):*
 - a. 10 mEq/kg/day;
 - b. 336 mEq/day.

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the

- relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

dRTA: distal renal tubular acidosis

eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
potassium citrate (Urocit-K [®])	Initial dosing: - Mild-moderate hypocitraturia (< 150 mg/day): 15 mEq PO BID or 10 mEq PO TID - Severe hypocitraturia (> 150 mg/day): 30 mEq PO BID or 20 mEq PO TID Dose range: 5 to 100 mEq/day	Based on clinical response
potassium citrate-citric acid (Polycitra K, Cytra-K)	- Adults: 100 to 200 mEq/day PO divided every 6 to 8 hours or 20 to 60 mEq PO every 6 to 8 hours - Pediatrics: 1 to 3 mEq/kg/day PO divided every 6 to 8 hours or 10 to 30 mEq PO every 6 to 8 hours	Based on clinical response
potassium bicarbonate-citrate acid (Effer-K [®])	1 to 8 mEq/kg/day PO in 2 to 3 divided doses; Adjust dose as needed based on clinical response (e.g., serum bicarbonate concentrations)	Based on clinical response

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sodium citrate-citric acid (Cytra-2, Oracit)	- Adults: 100 to 200 mEq/day PO divided every 6 to 8 hours or 20 to 60 mEq PO every 6 to 8 hours - Pediatrics: 1 to 3 mEq/kg/day PO divided every 6 to 8 hours or 5 to 15 mEq PO every 6 to 8 hours	Based on clinical response
sodium bicarbonate	- Adults: 1 to 3 mEq/kg/day PO in 2 to 3 divided doses - Pediatrics: 2 to 4 mEq/kg/day PO in 2 to 3 divided doses - Neonates/infants: 1 to 8 mEq/kg/day PO in 2 to 3 divided doses	Based on clinical response

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings [Pending]

- Contraindication(s): **pending**
- Boxed warning(s): **pending**

General Information

- Citrate-based alkali therapy refers to alkali citrate salts (such as potassium citrate or sodium citrate), which are used to treat metabolic acidosis and prevent kidney stones by raising urine pH. While citric acid is bonded with hydrogen ions, making it acidic, and does not provide a significant alkali load on its own. Citric acid is a versatile pharmaceutical excipient that is used to enhance drug stability, taste, and delivery.

V. Dosage and Administration [Pending]

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
dRTA *	The starting daily dose is based on age and weight and incrementally titrated based on plasma bicarbonate levels: Total daily dose given PO in two divided doses*	10 mEq/kg/day or 336 mEq/day, whichever less*

VI. Product Availability [Pending]

Delayed-release oral granule sachets:

- 8 mEq (282 mg potassium citrate-527 mg of potassium bicarbonate)*
- 24 mEq (847 mg of potassium citrate-1,582 mg of potassium bicarbonate)*

VII. References

- Bertholet-Thomas A, Guittet C, Manso-Silvan MA, et al. Efficacy and safety of an innovative prolonged-release combination drug in patients with distal renal tubular acidosis: an open-label comparative trial versus standard of care treatments. *Pediatric Nephrology*. 2021; 36:83-91.

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Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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Note:

For Medicaid members, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

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